

5. (amended) A multimodal polymer composition according to claim 1, having a weight ratio of the LMW fraction to the HMW fraction of (43-51):(57-49).

6. (amended) A multimodal polymer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the multimodal polymer has an MFR₅ of 0.3-1.0 g/10 min.

10. (amended) A multimodal polymer composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein polymerisation procatalyst and cocatalyst are added to the first polymerisation reactor only.

14. (amended) A pipe as claimed in claim 12, wherein the pipe has a rapid crack propagation (RCP) S4-value of -1°C or lower.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 4, 5, 6, 10 and 14.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

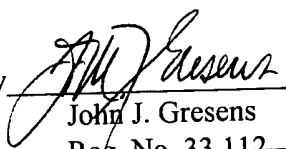
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